

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 06 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 07 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 05 Apr 2023 at 15:48 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of low cloud and showers on Thursday. High for mostly dry and settled weather on Friday and most of the weekend. High for a return to changeable weather by Monday.

Headline for Thursday 06 Apr 2023: Cold with a chance of showers, drier and brighter later

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 06 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Fog	Fog	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	30%	30%	30%	20%	20%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 06 Apr 2023

Weather: A lot of cloud through the daytime and this will bring a few showers which will fall as hail, and snow above 900 metres. Drier and somewhat brighter weather will spread from the west later in the afternoon, then mostly dry into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 700 to 900 metres, this most persistent and extensive until mid-afternoon. Otherwise good visibility outwith cloud, but temporarily reducing in any snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	12/15 SW	11/14 SW	13/17 W	17/23 NW	19/26 NW	20/27 NW	17/23 NW	15/20 NW	10/14 W
900	11/14 SW	11/14 SW	13/17 W	17/22 NW	19/26 NW	20/27 NW	16/23 NW	15/20 NW	10/14 W
600	8/11 SW	8/11 SW	9/13 W	13/18 NW	15/22 NW	16/23 NW	12/18 NW	9/14 NW	6/11 W
300	2/11 SW	2/10 SW	5/14 W	8/21 NW	9/23 NW	9/24 NW	7/19 NW	4/15 NW	3/11 W
Glen	3/8 SW	3/9 W	5/10 W	10/18 NW	12/20 NW	12/22 NW	9/17 NW	6/14 NW	4/7 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-3	1/-4	0/-5	-0/-7	-0/-7	0/-6	-0/-6	-1/-7	-2/-7
900	2/-2	2/-2	1/-4	0/-5	1/-6	1/-5	0/-5	-1/-6	-1/-6
600	5/2	4/1	3/-0	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-1	2/-2	1/-2
300	7/6	6/5	5/3	6/3	6/4	7/4	6/3	4/2	3/2
Glen	9/8	8/7	7/6	8/6	9/6	10/7	9/6	7/5	6/4
Freezing Level*	1200m	1100m	1000m	900m	900m	900m	800m	800m	800m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note cold temperatures at height, and strengthening summits winds for a time in the afternoon

Forecast for Friday 07 Apr 2023

Weather: A ridge of high pressure will bring dry and sunny weather but some low cloud may develop across Easter Ross in the evening

Maximum wind: Easterly 15 mph, but freshening on the summits after dark

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with great air clarity, although becoming hazy in the evening across the northeast with some patchy cloud developing around 500 metres

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to 12 Celsius
At 800m: 0 rising to 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 rising to 1100 metres